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SUPPLEMENTAL PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

Responsive to the Notice of Missing Requirements dated October 3, 2005, Applicants submit the following amendments and remarks. Inasmuch as the two-month shortened statutory period was originally set in the Office Action to expire on December 5, 2005 (December 3, 2005, being a Saturday), this Response is timely filed. However, if any extension of time is deemed to be necessary, the Patent and Trademark Office is hereby requested and authorization is hereby provided to charge any necessary fees to maintain the pendency of this application to Deposit Account No. 19-0089.

Entry of the following amendment and reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejections of record are respectfully requested.

Amendments to the Specification are on page 3 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 4 of this paper.

Amendments to the Drawings begin on page 9 of this paper.

Remarks are on page 10 of this paper.

An **Appendix** including one replacement sheet of drawings is attached following page 10 of this paper.